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Subscription Letter

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Dear Subscriber,

Not only have we put together another stonkingly good disk full of brilliant programs for our subscribers, but we have also arranged a couple of special offers which are exclusive to subscribers of Amiga Shopper. See the box below where you can take advantage of our special bargain prices for Digita's Organiser 2 and Money Matters 4. It just goes to show that it's worth subscribing – don't forget our other mail order bargains on page 67 too.

We are starting a fix it series of special features and tutorials this month. We intend the series to be a handy "How to" reference guide to technical problems such as fixing peripherals, using the Internet, creating multimedia pages, installing software and so on. As subscribers, you can help us out by telling us what you would like to see covered in this series. So, please write in to the usual address with your ideas.

Turn over the page for details of your disk this month.

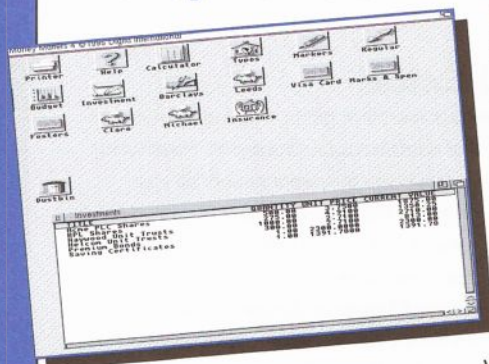


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Amiga Shopper special offers!

Money Matters 4



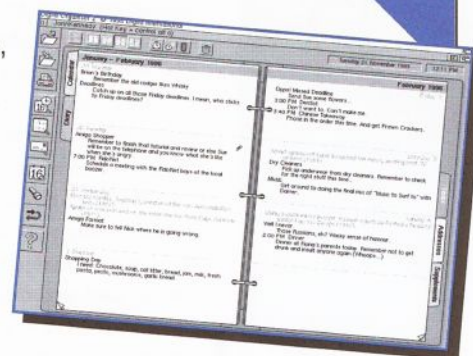
Money Matters 4 is the new version of the excellent finance manager from Digita. Amiga Shopper subscribers can now save £15 off the RRP of £49.99. Yes, you can buy Money

Matters 4 for only £34.99! **Order code: AMFMM4**

Organiser 2

We have also arranged a special offer for our subscribers for the essential filofax-style Organiser 2 also from Digita. Again, Amiga Shopper subscribers can save a massive £15 off the RRP of £49.99. It's only £34.99!

Order code: AMFORG2



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Subscribersdisk

April fool that he is, **David Taylor** spent his week off compiling your exclusive Subscribers' Disk. "Dedication, that's what you need!" Roy Castle is sorely missed.

To install your Subscribers' Disk, you can boot it; but you'll have to have your main Coverdisks at hand because the Subscribers' disk needs a few files from them. If you have a hard drive, you can install everything from the three disks, by loading Workbench and using the script on the first Coverdisk. Remember that after installing the disks, you may still need to install individual programs from their drawers.

GFX 24 Lab

Ever since reviewing this program back in AS57, we have been eagerly waiting for this new version. It's finally arrived and we've put it on the disk for you. GFX 24 Lab is a Freeware package that can be used to add effects to pictures, convert image formats and crop or adjust levels of colour in pictures. In fact, there are dozens of effects. The program should be very useful for low level graphics users who can't afford a high end application.

GFX 24 Lab couldn't be easier to use. Load in a picture and then select the operator. You may need to define any additional parameters for the operator to customise the images, but these are self-explanatory.

This version is the standard version optimized for 68000 processors, although it should work with any processor with adequate memory. There wasn't room on the disk to include the other version optimized for 020s or for the example pictures. You can get these from the Aminet archive or from a PD house.

Scout

I reviewed this program last month in our PD Select section and gave it a fantastic 95 per cent. Although it requires MUI for its interface, it is a program that serious users should not be without, ranking alongside SnoopDOS for usefulness. Scout allows you to examine, for instance, library usage. Unlike SnoopDOS though, it does not list them as they are called, but shows all the ones resident in memory and gives you the chance to see more information or remove them.

Obviously, Scout is not limited to libraries and can examine many other areas of the Amiga. OK, it's not the sort of program that you'll need every day, but no serious user who knows how the Amiga works should be without it. I've already had reason to rely on it a couple of times to see what was being used.

Telephone Book 3

I have got thousands of address books and I don't know where any of them are. It's a good idea to keep an electronic backup of them all on your computer and this is one of the best and easiest address books to use that I've come across. It has a modular outlook, opening windows as you need them, and it comes with full online help should you need it.

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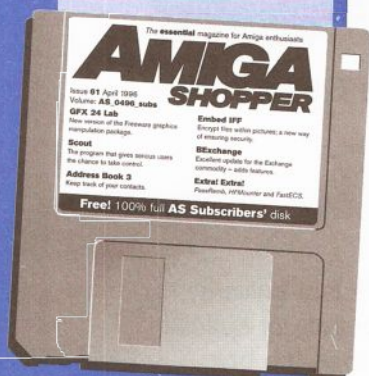
This is another program that I reviewed last month and gave a Star buy. It allows you to encrypt files, but in a very novel way. Any file can be hidden within a 24-bit IFF image. The encryption uses redundant data within the image to store the file and the picture remains displayable. There are several levels of encryption available and the deeper you use it, the more corruption appears in the picture. There is a mode that examines the picture and tells you the maximum file size that can be incorporated into the picture. There's also an example picture included. Very interesting.

BExchange

This is a replacement for the standard Exchange commodity. It uses the bgui.library, which must be installed in your libs: drawer and is included in this distribution. Not only does BExchange update the interface, giving you a resizable window, it also adds some new features to the program. Exchange normally only allows you to select and view or remove programs one at a time, but this new program can select programs all at once too, which makes things faster when you just need to get rid of them all.

Extra! Extra!

As ever, there's a few more gems included to round off the triumph that constitutes our Subs disk. PassRemb is a utility that allows you to keep a note of all your passwords for things like BBSs in one utility so you just have to remember a single password. It can even be used to enter your password automatically. HFMounter is a useful program for serious users, allowing you to mount pseudo-floppy disks on your hard drive. Finally, FastECS is for ShapeShifter users with 030 boards. It's got very tight requirements, but should help appropriate people use colour screens. ■



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